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1. MAO Tse-tung has been appointed by the Cominform (sic) as overall commander for international Communist operations in Asia.*
2. The Chinese are now ready to support the Viet Minh on a large scale, with the purpose of tying up French forces in Indochina, thereby delaying the rearmament of Western Europe. The Communists in Indochina have approximately 200,000 troops massed along the Indochina border for a full scale attack [REDACTED] 25X1X
3. In Korea the Chinese will continue to fight, using the pretext that their troops are volunteers. Again the principal object is to hold up the rearmament of Western Europe. The Chinese Communists will agree to a buffer state in Korea,*** but they will continue to mass large forces along the Manchurian border to tie up as many troops of the United Nations as possible.
4. The Chinese Communist leaders are fully aware that a world war is imminent and are preparing for it by making as many strategic gains as they can.

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[REDACTED] that during his trip to Moscow in the winter of 1949-1950 MAO Tse-tung was persuaded to accept the leadership for the liberation of Asia, following plans made by him and the Soviets in Yenan in 1946.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The report does not state what border nor in which direction these troops are to move when they attack. The Viet Minh now controls the entire northern border of Indochina with the exception of the Moncay and Dinh Lap areas. It can only be presumed that it is meant that Viet Minh troops are massed in the northwest part of Indochina and are to move south and east against the coastal regions now held by the French and against other non-Communist areas.

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[REDACTED] Comment. CHANG Shih-chao, member of the Chinese Communist central government, now in Hong Kong, also suggests that the Communist leaders of China would accept a buffer area in Korea.

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